

Method and System for Allowing In Place Editing of Office Documents In a Place

Abstract of the Disclosure

Collaboration space object model provides for a place
5 consisting of rooms created by users interacting with a
client browser. A skin (i.e., theme) may be used as
template for creating places. PlaceBots (i.e., agents)
provide for accessing, processing and managing data in a
place. HTML may be dragged and dropped into a place, where
10 it is parsed and corresponding place fields created. MS
Excel or Word documents may be dragged and dropped into a
place, which creates a corresponding form, and users may
create new documents using that form. A place type
comprising a template of an entire place, or collaboration
15 space, may be used to create new places. Changes made to a
place may be reported, subject to security controls, by
selecting what's new. Task fields are provided allowing web
browser creation of forms for work flow. Place enabled
objects are provided for synchronous communications. A
20 quick browse feature provides a simplified format for
browser windows based on selection of HTML links. MS Office
documents may launched within a place for in place editing
and importing the resulting document into the place.